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## SHE WON'T COME BACK.

Miss Hallie Walker a Happy Bride at Cleveland.

## SHE WIRES PRESIDENT McVICAR

That She Cannot Come Back to Washburn College—The Mysterious Disappearance of Miss Walker Cleared Up.

When Miss Hallie Walker, the musical instructor at Washburn college, left Topeka very suddenly a week ago, it was freely rumored that she had gone to be married. This may dispel the telegram she sent from Kansas City to her mother at the college, that she had been called to Cleveland, Ohio, and would return to week.

There appears to be little doubt that Miss Walker has taken this rather sensational mode of marrying her suitor, W. H. Cochrane of Pennsylvania, against her mother's wishes. The president of the college, Rev. Dr. McVicar, has received a telegram from Miss Walker in which she said "she was sorry, but she would never return to Topeka." Soon after Dr. McVicar and Mrs. McVicar went to Hollbrook hall to break the news to Mrs. Walker. She had long apprehended it, and had been in a high state of nervous agitation at the conduct of her daughter. While Dr. McVicar was there Mrs. Walker received a letter from her daughter, written at Mercer, Pennsylvania, the nature of which is not public property. The people who have been busy over this bit of gossip, however, agree that it was a statement that Miss Walker was married, but enough.

There are two stories current as to Miss Walker's marriage. One is that she met Mr. Cochrane at Kansas City and the other is that she met him in Cleveland where they were married, and the other who are contacting story, is that Miss Walker was secretly married to Cochrane in St. Joe during the holiday.

Mrs. Walker has written to her son in New York to come to Topeka and accompany her back to her home in Pennsylvania. He is expected this week.

Miss Walker was well known in musical circles over the whole state. As an instructor in vocal music she was above the average, and she herself was a singer of more than usual sweetness and strength of tone. She has been connected with Washburn college two years. During that time she has been a regular vocalist at the First Congregational church, and also at the Central Congregational.

The surprise at Miss Walker's actions is said to be greatest among those who knew her only slightly.

Those who occupy the same building with her at Washburn say that in spite of her many good qualities her impulsiveness was frequently apparent.

Mrs. Walker is suffering from a condition of the eye. This, with her daughter's conduct and the murder of her son in New York city by a foot-pod less than a year ago, makes her much more excitable over the affair than she might otherwise be.

Miss Walker was between 25 and 30 years of age, and undoubtedly had a right to get married. If she wanted to in spite of the objections which her relatives made to her choice.

Her husband, W. H. Cochrane, is a Pennsylvania widower, about fifty years of age, with a daughter nearly as old as Miss Walker, and several children besides.

No successor to the chair of vocal music at Washburn has been selected yet. Several local musicians and several from out of town have already filed their applications, but no choice has yet been made.

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## HOW ABOUT BAD MEAT?

Doctors' Write Doctor Prescriptions Taken by the Meat Markets.

A number of doctors of the city want the people's attention called to the evils attendant on exposing meat on hooks in front of the markets. The Kansas Medical Journal in its last issue contained an editorial, a part of which reads:

"Diseased meat is not the only source of danger to mankind. The meat may be healthy and fit to eat, properly prepared for the market, and yet subjected to him in excellent condition. And then?"

"Why then in many of our markets, particularly in Topeka, the retail dealers handle a large number of pieces of meat, also dressed chickens, ducks, turkeys, etc., in front of his business house to attract the attention of the public and thus advertise his goods."

We feel sure that the appearance of these animals, hung up in the place and manner indicated, is not so attractive to the general public as something less gaudy. It always reminds us of a dissecting room. But get it out of the dissecting room, but get it out of the

MAKING CHEAP RATES WESTWARD

For the Benefit of People Who Want to Go to the Midwinter Fair or Elsewhere.

Persons intending to go to the California Midwinter fair, will probably have an opportunity to do so on a cheap rate before many days. They need only wait for a rate war that is not far off, if the signs of the times are not misleading. This will be brought about by the withdrawal of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway from the Western Passenger association.

When the Santa Fe was put into the hands of receivers, the company announced that it would stick to all the arrangements to which it was a party, provided rates were maintained by its competitors. This announcement caused general satisfaction among the western railroads.

The anticipation, however, that a strict maintenance of rates would follow the Santa Fe's declaration, has not been realized. The Santa Fe officials, both in Kansas and Topeka, say that passenger and freight rates are being manipulated by their competitors, and as the Santa

Fe cannot under the circumstances, bring the rates down, make strict cuts in rates, it is placed at great disadvantages and is losing considerable business to which it is entitled.

A dispatch from Chicago says: "Notice of withdrawal from the Passenger association is likely to be given by the Santa Fe within a short time unless the manipulation and cutting of passenger rates from points east and southeast from Chicago to Pacific coast points via St. Louis is brought to a speedy end. The Santa

Fe feels confident that the lines east and southeast from Chicago could not manipulate the rates as they do if they were not secretly aided by some of the Western association lines.

The fact also that the Union Pacific is acting independently of the association greatly embarrasses the Santa Fe. This antagonistic position lately assumed towards the Santa Fe by the Southern Pacific is believed to be due to influence brought to bear upon it by the Union

Pacific. In order to meet competition of that nature the Santa Fe people feel it will be necessary for them to leave the association in order to enable them to act promptly whenever they find it necessary."

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It is suggested also that the trip east taken by Receiver Wilson, who arrived yesterday in company with Solon A. A. Hurd, is on business connected with such a move.

The effect of the Santa Fe withdrawal from the Western Passenger association would be the precipitation of a passenger rate war. The rails in the hands of receivers, the Santa Fe and the Union Pacific would have a great advantage over solvent lines, as the former only need to earn operating expenses while the others must earn interest on bonds and dividends on stock if they mean to keep out of bankruptcy. The rates from Chicago to the Pacific coast and return, and also from Missouri river points to the Pacific coast, would go down immediately. It is not probable, however, that local rates would be molested.

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A Rate War Which the Santa Fe May Inaugurate.

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## WHAT MR. WHITE SAYS.

The Santa Fe May Be Compelled to Withdraw.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Traffic Manager White of the Santa Fe, said in an interview today that his road had no intention of withdrawing from the Western Passenger association at present.

"We have no fight with the association," said Mr. White, "but the present trouble is with outside lines—the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific. If we find that to protect ourselves we shall have to have concessions that the association cannot grant, we may be compelled to leave it, but we have no desire to do so and sincerely hope we will remain. We are now making an effort to adjust the differences over coast business between the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific and until a decision is reached, our course as regards to the Western Passenger association must remain undecided."

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